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Attached is a compilation of the educational backgrounds and professional training of ministers and deputy ministers in the Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan (DRA). By comparing information on these officials with data on individuals in the DRA's initial government, formed after the April 27, 1978, revolution, it is evident that, in terms of education at least, this group is more respectable than its predecessor. Forty-two of the top officials in the present government have received undergraduate or professional training (twenty-nine in Afghanistan and thirteen abroad), and seventeen have benefited from graduate education or advanced training. In contrast, only twenty-nine Cabinet and sub-Cabinet-level bureaucrats had undergraduate training, and twelve had received advanced education, in the DRA's first government. As was the case with the first group, however, few of the present officials have had training which appears relevant to their present responsibilities.

Also of interest is the fact that eleven ministers and deputy ministers have received training in the United States, while only six have studied in the Soviet Union. None of these officials, as far as we know, have been educated in other communist countries.

- Enclosures: 1. Educational Backgrounds of Cabinet Ministers and Deputy Ministers.  
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Data for this study is not available on several officials, and information on others is incomplete, because of the continuing personnel shifts by the government. Nevertheless, we shall ultimately fill the gaps in our knowledge of these higher-ranking bureaucrats.

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EDUCATION BACKGROUNDS OF  
CABINET MINISTERS AND DEPUTY MINISTERS\*

A Undergraduate Degrees and Professional  
(e.g. military) Training:

<u>Afghanistan</u>	<u>United States</u>	<u>USSR</u>	<u>UK</u>
29	6	1	1
<u>France</u>	<u>Lebanon (AUB)</u>	<u>India</u>	
1	3	1	

5 Advanced Degrees and Training:

<u>Afghanistan</u>	<u>United States</u>	<u>USSR</u>
5	7	5

\*NOTE: This chart reflects the educational record of thirty-three individuals. We do not at this time have any information about the educational history of a further eight officials. Two deputy ministerships are currently vacant.

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INDIVIDUAL EDUCATIONAL HISTORIES

President of the Revolutionary Council:

Barak Mohammad Taraki: Schooling through the fourth grade.  
Night school.

Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs:

Muhammad Amin: BS, Kabul University, Mathematics and Physics,  
1953. MS, Columbia Teachers College, 1958. Additional two years  
at Columbia Teachers College between 1963 and 1965.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- 1. First Deputy Minister for Political Affairs Shah Mohammad Dost:  
Graduate, Faculty of Law and Political Science, Kabul University.
- 2. Second Deputy Minister for Political Affairs Dr. Assadullah Amin:  
Graduate, Faculty of Medicine, Kabul University.
- 3. Deputy Minister for Administrative Affairs Abdul Hadi Mokamel:  
Graduate, Faculty of Law and Political Science, Kabul University.

Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reform

- 1. Minister Saleh Mohammad Ziri:  
Graduate, Faculty of Medicine, Kabul University.
- 2. Deputy Minister for Land Reform Fazel Rahim Rahim:  
Training in statistics in India. Also studied statistics at  
Iowa State University in 1956-1957, 1961-1964, 1970. BS,  
Agricultural Statistics and Livestock Research, Iowa State  
University in 1964. All studies in U.S. were sponsored by  
AID.
- 3. Deputy Minister for Agriculture Abdul Ahad Sarsam:  
CIAID financed university training in the U.S.

Ministry of Communications

Minister Mohammad Gulabzoi:  
Graduate, Afghan Military Academy. Fighter pilot training in  
the Soviet Union.

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Deputy Minister Khalilullah Kohistani:  
BA, Kabul University, Mathematics and Chemistry, 1974.

Ministry of Commerce

Minister Abdul Qudus Chorbandi:  
Graduate, Afghan Institute of Technology. Fifteen month  
Air Controller Course with FAA in U.S.

Deputy Minister Mohammad Hakim Malyar:  
Graduate, Faculty of Economics, Kabul University.

Ministry of Defense

Minister Lt. Col. Mohammad Aslam Watanjar:  
Graduate, Afghan Military Academy, 1968.

Deputy Minister (Chief of Staff) Lt. Col. Mohammad Yaqub:  
Graduate, Afghan Military Academy.

Ministry of Education

Minister Dr. Abdul Rashid Jalili:  
Graduate, Faculty of Agriculture, Kabul University, 1963.  
MS, Agricultural Microbiology, University of Wyoming. Ph.D.,  
Soviet Union.

First Deputy Minister Dr. Ghulam Mohammad Sahibi:  
No information.

Second Deputy Minister, Fazi Haq:  
No information.

Ministry of Finance

Minister Abdul Karim Misaq:  
No formal education.

Deputy Minister Khair Mohammad Sultani:  
Graduate, Kabul University. Two months at University of  
Pittsburgh, 1975.

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Ministry of Frontier Affairs

Minister Saheb Jan Shahravee:  
No information.

Deputy Minister -- vacant.

Ministry of Higher Education

Minister Prof. Mahmoud Sooma:  
BS, American University in Beirut, Science, 1960. MS and  
P. Dip., Columbia Teachers College, 1964.

Deputy Minister Pir Mohammad Zeraf:  
BS, University of London, Engineering.

Ministry of Information and Culture

Minister Khayal Mohammad Katawazi:  
Graduate, Faculty of Journalism, Kabul University, 1968.

Deputy Minister for Information and Culture Ali Gul Pailwand:  
Graduate, Faculty of Education, Kabul University. Post-grad-  
uate study in education, Teachers College, Kabul.

Deputy Minister for Radio and Television -- vacant.

Ministry of Interior

Minister Sher Jan Mazdoorfar:  
Graduate, Afghan Military Academy.

Deputy Minister -- Faqir Mohammad Faqir:  
No information.

Ministry of Justice

Minister Abdul Hakim Shahravee Jauzjani:  
Graduate, Faculty of Islamic Law, Kabul University, 1960.  
Studied journalism at Kabul University in 1962. Further studies  
in the Soviet Union in 1963.

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Deputy Minister for Administration Mohammad Akram Abqari:  
No information.

Deputy Minister for Judicial Affairs Dr. Mohammad Anwar Wahidi:  
Graduate, Faculty of Law and Political Science, Kabul University,  
1953. Studied Criminal Investigation and Comparative Law at  
American and George Washington Universities, 1957-8. (USAID grant.)

Ministry of Mines and Industries

Minister Mohammad Ismail Danesh:  
Attended Faculty of Agriculture and Engineering, Kabul Uni-  
versity, 1958-60. BS, Mining, University of West Virginia,  
1964. MS, Mining, University of West Virginia. MS, Physics,  
University of Lenin, Soviet Union, 1971.

Deputy Minister for Industries Ghulam Mohammad Rahimi:  
No information.

Deputy Minister for Mines, Eng. Abdul Kafi Rassuli:  
No information.

Ministry of Planning

Minister Eng. Mohammad Seddiq Alemyar:  
Graduate, Afghan Institute of Technology. Also studied at  
Afghan Polytechnic. Further training in the Soviet Union in  
geological engineering.

Deputy Minister Fateh Mohammad Tarin:  
Received training in the Soviet Union under U.N. auspices. Also  
spent eighteen months in France studying industrial management.

Deputy Minister for Statistics Abdul Hafiz Malikzada:  
No information.

Ministry of Public Health

Minister (and Deputy Prime Minister) Dr. Shah Wali:  
Graduate, Faculty of Medicine, Kabul University.

Deputy Minister -- vacant.

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Ministry of Transport

Minister Mohammad Hassan Bareq Shafiyee:  
No university or advanced training.

Deputy Minister Noor Mohammad Dalili:  
Two years training program in U.S. with Federal Aviation Agency.

Ministry of Public Works

Minister Dastagir Panjshiri:  
BA, Faculty of Letters, Kabul University.

Deputy Minister, Eng. Saleh Mohammad Paizoz:  
No information.

Ministry of Water and Power

Minister Mohammad Mansur Hashemi:  
Attended Teachers Training College in Kabul and then American University in Beirut from 1955-1960. BS, Kabul University, Physics, 1960. MS, University of Arizona, 1965.

Deputy Minister Eng. Mohammad Juma Barekzoi:  
Two years at American University in Beirut.

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